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COMPLETE SPECIFICATION

Polyamide Compositions

We, YARDLEY AND COMPANY LIMITED, a British Company of 33 Old Bond Street London England, do hereby declare the invention, which was communicated from 5 Yardley of London Inc., a corporation organised under the laws of the State of New Jersey, United States of America, of Rockefeller Center, 620 5th Avenue, New York, United States of America, for which 10 we pray that a patent may be granted to us, and the method by which it is to be performed, to be particularly described in and by the following statement:-

The invention concerns hair grooming 15 and hair fixative compositions and is more particularly concerned with an improve-ment in or modification of the hair grooming and hair fixative compositions described and claimed in our prior British Patent No.

20 1.117.129.

In British Patent No. 1.117,129, we have described and claimed a hair grooming composition comprising a polyamide material at least partly dissolved in a 25 liquid, oily, non polar solvent consisting of or including a substance having a chain length of at least 10 carbon atoms in its molecule, the polyamide material being a reaction product of an aliphatic polycar-30 boxylic acid and an alkylene polamine and having an everage molecular weight between 2000 and 14,000.

As examples of suitable polyamide materials we gave Versamid (Registered 35 Trade Mark) resins particularly types 900; 930; 940; 950 and 100. Omamid (Registered Trade Mark) resins particularly types C and S, together with details of their pertinent properties.

40 As a result of further work on hair grooming compositions, however, we have now found that it is possible and in certain cases desirable, to modify the above composition by utilising a polyamide

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material which is a reaction product of an 45 aliphatic poly carboxlyic acid and an alkylene polyamine and which has a molecular weight between 14000 and 15000.

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Thus, according to the present invention there is provided a hair grooming composi- 50 tion according to any one of claims 1 to 9 or claim 11 of our British Patent No. 1.117,129 modified in that the polyamide material has an everage molecular weight between 14,000 and 15,000.

Suitable examples of polyamide materials, for use in the present invention. include Versalon (registered Trade Mark)

Versalon polyamides have been identified 60 as hard, flexible, thermoplastic resins, possessing higher tensile strength, elongation and melt viscosities than the Versamids disclosed in our aforesaid British Patent. They are quite different chemically from 65 the Versamids in being linear polymers. derived from different polymer acids, and are of much higher molecular weight range than the Versamids, the molecular weight of Versalons ranging from 7000 to 70 above 15,000.

The characteristics of two particularly suitable resins selected from the Versalon ranges are as follows:-

Resin Type	Versalon 1165	Versalon 1175	75
Specific Gravity	0.98	0.925-0.975	
Colour, Gardner	8 - 12	8 - 12	
Softening Point (Ring and Ball)			80
°C	160-170	170-180	
Viscosity at 410°F (210°C) Viscosity at 392°F	_	31-44 Poises	85
(200°C) Molecular Weight	22 poises C 15,000	C 15,000	-

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As in the compositions disclosed in our aforesaid patent, the modified compositions of the present invention may comprise one or more cosolvents which serve to dissolve 5 the polyamide material and which are miscible with the oil so as to bring the composition into the form of a stable gel.

Also as with the compositions disclosed in our aforesaid patent, other ingredients 10 such as diluents and cosmetically acceptable substances such as scents, tinting colours and the like may be incorporated into the compositions of the present invention

5 The hair grooming compositions of the present invention may be prepared in accordance with the methods described fully

in our prior patent.

Thus, in preferred methods, the composi20 tions are prepared by dissolving the polyamide material in the hot organic system
comprising the oily solvent and one or more
cosolvents. Upon cooling a gel mixture is
produced, the properties thereof depending
upon the amount of polyamide present, the
composition and molecular weight of the
polyamide, and the compatibility and solubility of the polyamide in the oil chosen.

The solubility of the polyamide resin in 30 the preferred solvent systems increases with temperature. Whenever the solubility limits of the polyamide material, in a particular solvent, are exceeded a gel results which is thermally and mechanically reversible.

Gels can be produced of consistency any- 35 where from a soft jelly-like to a firm rigid structure, and with a grainy, a crystal-like fracture or amorphous with smooth glass-like fracture.

The tendency to syneresis of the oil-polyamide cosolvent gels can be controlled by use of long chain amides of intermediate polarity and/or by curing the gels by holding them at temperatures between the melting point and the usual storing temperatures. Examples of suitable long chain amides are set forth in our aforesaid patent.

The compositions of the present invention have comparable properties to these disclosed in our prior patent and have comparable advantages over the prior art comparable advantages.

positions mentioned therein. WHAT I CLAIM IS:—

1. A hair grooming composition according to any one of claims 1 to 9 or claim 55 11 of our British Patent No. 1.117.129, modified in that the polyamide material has an average molecular weight between 14.000 and 15.000.

2. A hair grooming composition according to claim 1 and comprising a cosolvent.

3. A hair grooming composition according to either of the preceding claims and

substantially as herein before described.

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